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SUBJECT: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE - MITSUI & CO. V. UNITED STATES,

CUSTOMS COURT NO. RFO/8746

REF: STATE 154883

- 1. EMB HAS INFORMALLY APPROACHED MFA CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF JUDGE OF CUSTOMS COURT TAKING EVIDENCE IN JAPAN. THERE IS NO QUESTION BUT WHAT WITNESSES MUST APPEAR VOLUNTARILY, WITHOUT SUBPOENA.
- 2. IN ORDER PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION NEEDED BY MFA BEFORE ANY DECISION CAN BE REACHED, EMB REQUESTS REPLIED TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:
- (A) POSSIBLE DATES FOR TAKING OF EVIDENCE, ESTIMATED TOTAL TIME, NUMBER OF WITNESSES, NUMBER AND TYPE OF STAFF WHO WOULD ACCOMPANY CUSTOMS JUDGE.
- (B) WHY IT IS NECESSARY FOR CUSTOMS COURT JUDGE TO TAKE EVIDENCE INSTEAD OF USING DEPOSITION TYPE PROCEEDING AND WRITTEN OR ORAL INTERROGATORIES PRESIDED OVER BY CONSULAR OFFICER AS CONTEMPLATED BY CONSULAR TREATY.

 (C) GENERAL NATURE OF EVIDENCE BEING SOUGHT, PARTICULARLY WHETHER IT INVOLVES CRIMINAL MATTERS OR POSSIBLE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.
- 3. UPON RECEIPT FOREGOING INFORMATION, EMB WILL SUBMIT FORMAL NOTE VERBALE REQUESTING APPROVAL TO PROPOSED PROCEED-UNCLASSIFIED

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